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Applicants: Martin DIONNE et al.

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For : STABILIZERS FOR TITANIUM DIBORIDE-  
CONTAINING CATHODE STRUCTURES

**FIRST REPLY TO FINAL REJECTION**

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S I R :

In response to the final Office Action dated January 25, 2007,<sup>1</sup> applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application for the reasons set forth below.

Attached is a Facsimile copy of a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 by Dr. Pierre-Yves Brisson, a research scientist employed by the assignee of the subject application.

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<sup>1</sup>A Notice of Appeal with certificate of mailing and an extension petition and fees were filed June 27, 2007. A Request for Continued Examination, and an extension petition and fees, are being filed herewith.